

**VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
CULTURAL AWARENESS COMMISSION**

**Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

7:15 pm – Regan Room– Village Hall – Also virtually via GoToMeeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Kathryn McCord called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 3, 2023

Motion was made by Bonnie, seconded by Susan to approve the meeting minutes from January 3, 2023. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed and minutes approved.

III. ROLL CALL

Present

Kathryn McCord, Acting Chair
Eric Fox
Bonnie Wurster
Susan Cooper
Sandra Lahoz
Jean Stone
Alisa Kapusinski
Ximena Atristain-Bigurra

Absent

Kevin Wendorf (Unexcused)
Arlene Montañez (Excused)
Demetrius Gibson (Excused)
Minerva Milford (Unexcused)

Guests

Staff Liaison Present

Cathy Doczekalski (VOHE)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of MLK Breakfast (January 16, 2023 from 8 a.m. – 10 pm)

- There were 160 in attendance. Everyone stated they had a great time!
- For future reference, Pastor Robbie asked to be taken out of the rotation. His church is in Roselle It's their busiest time of year and this event takes a lot of planning. Start now to find a choir. A few suggestions, Willow Creek, Life Changers, H.E. H. S choir. The focus is a choir booked sooner than later.
- MLK Breakfast (continued)
There were some extra eggs.
There were 210 to attend confirmed.
The Sorority Sisters helped a lot.

Black History Month

- The event is Saturday, February 25, 2023 2:00-4:30 p.m.
- Kathryn, Ximena and Susan will not be able to attend, and Delta Sigma is unavailable.
- Eric and/or Bonnie will have the steppers number this week.
- Cathy has the receipts and Alisa will pick up the food from Jewel @ 12:30.
- Cathy will let Kathryn know what colors are left in storage regarding the tablecloths. The (40) table clothes will be Black, Red and Green. If you have Yellow that works too. If there are not enough, Kathryn will pick up what is needed.
- Kathryn will reach out to Amber at the library to see if there are Black History Month coloring books available for the children.
- Demetrius is the confirmed MC, Char is the entertainment, Rick Lockhart is the confirmed speaker. The helpers are to be at the event by 1:00 p.m.

Food Menu

- o Chicken 2-96 pieces –Jewel: \$259.96
- o Potato Salad 16 lbs.-Jewel: included
- o Cole Slaw 16 lbs, –Jewel:included
- o Hawaiian Rolls 96 pcs – Jewel:included
- o Hawaiian Rolls - Cathy to get 3 more packages –Sam’s: \$21
- o Yellow Cake with Chocolate Frosting – Jewel: \$129.98

- Kitchen Help: Jean, Cathy, Patrick, Sandra (set up)
- Greeter: Alisa (Hostess)

Vendor Costs

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| o | Speaker- Rick Lockhart | \$ 250.00 |
| | Steppers Group | \$ 150.00 |
| | Entertainment - Char | \$ 250.00 |

Total estimate: \$1,060.94

- Flyer to promote BHM will be emailed to CAC with times, and will be distributed to the speaker, entertainer and MC.
- BHM. has been advertised in the Newsletter, Citizen, Facebook (Meta) and on website.
- Kathryn will reach out the High Schools and the Township. Eric spoke to the Enders Salk Principal. Susan will follow-up with Keller / Eisenhower Middle Schools.

- Alisa will go through the storage for centerpieces for the tables.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Unity Day Festival of Culture - June 3, 2023 at 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.
- 9 Entertainers: Aztec Group: Day of Dead, Edizon, Adelita, Jose Verduzco, Donika, Academy of Irish Music, Thistle & Heather, Indian Group: I-Radha.
- Speaker – Pat Barch, H. E. Historian Then and Now!
- Kathryn McCord will be the MC.
- Kathryn / Patrick to contact the mayor about attending the event.
- Ximena offered to reach out to: Colombian and Bolivian Dancers to dance at the event. She will have it for the next meeting.
- Kathryn will get the fresh flowers.
- Kathryn is asking the event be advertised in the following places: Daily Herald, Township H.S., Citizen, Facebook (Meta), website & the Park District.
- Request that the group begin thinking about themes for the event. Possible topics: Wellness, Culture, Community Awareness.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kathryn and seconded by Bonnie to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by
Bonnie Wurster

*The next meeting of the Cultural Awareness Commission is scheduled for
Tuesday, March 7, 2023, beginning at 7:15 pm at the Village Hall & on GoTo Meeting.*